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Depot repairs mine detector systems

A new partnership agreement between Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., and CyTerra Corporation names Tobyhanna the maintenance depot for Army and Marine Corps AN/PSS-14 Mine Detector systems.

“We’ve become the core maintenance depot for the manufacturer,” said John Ross, electronic integrated systems mechanic supervisor, Air Traffic Control Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. Now, all Army and Marine mine detector systems will come here directly from the field, he said.

RDECOM engineer receives top honors from Army at HENAAC

Hipólito Jiménez, senior project engineer with the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, Fort Belvoir, Va., was honored for inspiring future generations of Hispanics and for his professional contributions to the Hispanic technical community during the Eighteenth Annual Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

The award recognizes the achievements of Hispanics in engineering, science, technology, and math. For the full story, visit http://www.rdecom.army.mil/rdemagazine/Current/news_briefs.html#article1.

402d AFSB Activated in Iraq

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade was activated, replacing the Army Field Support Brigade-Iraq. The mission of the unit did not change. For the full story, visit <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/AMC%20Outpost.pdf>.

Spotlight On... Lean Six Sigma

Qatar leans HMMWV reset

Through Lean Six Sigma business practices the Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar has increased repair, return and reset production rates on the M1025/26 HMMWV by almost 40 percent since April. Improvements were largely due to the reorganization of the HMMWV facility. Four distinct service bays, all focused on the repair of one vehicle every 24 hours, were created and employees divided into teams so that all workers have specific tasks to perform on the vehicle.

MCAAP's wood pallet facility implements LSS

A Lean Six Sigma black belt project at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla., has resulted in a new, improved wood pallet facility. Using LSS techniques, the processes required to produce a single wooden pallet went from 48 to 37 steps and production time decreased from 12 minutes, 14 seconds to 6 minutes, 31 seconds. LSS also resulted in a projected cost decrease of 26 percent per pallet and an annual savings of \$680,000. For the full story, visit <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/releases06/mcaap.html>

Did You Know... First Strike Ration

The Combat Feeding Directorate has designed a Meal Ready to Eat with food that can be consumed on the move with little or no preparation. The First Strike Ration is designed particularly for those warriors who are first on the ground in conflict. To learn more about FSR, view the Oct. 11 edition of the AMC News Dispatch at <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/dispatch/dispatch.html>

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